

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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Open Daily 8:30a.m. to 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Visit our website: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm)

## October 2012

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

**1p.m. Beautiful Bats** ~ Discover the world of bats and how they are here to help us. Make a bat to decorate your house for Halloween! **vc**

**3 p.m. The Turtle Club**~ Meet our resident box turtle and learn about what it takes to join the Turtle Club! **vc**

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

**12:30p.m. Habitats, Holes, and Hideaways** ~ Discover the resting places for some of your favorite forest critters. Help the naturalist locate different animal homes along the ½ mile Garden Rock Loop trail. **vc**

**2p.m. Stella Luna** ~ Join the naturalist for the story of Stella Luna and then make a bat mobile to take home! **vc**

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

**9:30a.m. Kayaking to Seng Island** ~ Enjoy this final kayak tour of the season as we paddle from the beach to Seng Island. Here stories of Patoka's past and see things left behind by the people who once called this area home. Look for bald eagles and other wildlife along the way as we travel right past an active nesting site. **b**

**2p.m. Moery Story** ~ Enjoy a short walk to the reconstructed Moery Cabin. Tour the inside of the home and discover this family's journey to Wickliffe, IN. Hear stories from years gone by. **vc**

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

**10a.m. – 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk & Eastern Screech Owl** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a look!

**1p.m. Raptors of Patoka** ~ Take a closer look at the birds of prey that are non-releasable and must live at the Visitor Center. Discover the journeys that brought them to Patoka and how their species survive in the wild! **vc**

**2p.m. Leaf Prints**~ Capture some of the colors of the season in this quick craft. With all supplies provided, rub, paint, or press your leaves to preserve the colors of fall. You can also bring a plain white shirt or bag to stamp out your own wearable designs. **vc**

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.

**vc** ~ Visitor Center

**ccs** ~ Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse

**br** ~ boat ramp

**b** ~ Beach

**T**-White Tents in Modern Campground Section A

## AUTUMN GETAWAY WEEKEND

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

*(Tonight's programs will be held at the Modern Campground Center Shelterhouse)*



#### **5-7p.m. Register your campsite for the Campsite**

**Decorating Contest.** Campsites must be registered to enter the competition. Also register for the pumpkin carving/decorating contest!

#### **5p.m. Cooking Friendship Stew** –

Bring your canned vegetables to the modern campgrounds center shelterhouse to add to the stew. Volunteers & Staff will prepare Friendship Stew for the 7p.m. gathering.

**7p.m. Friendship Stew** - Bring crackers, beverages, bowls & spoons as we dish out the Friendship Stew. Join us in kicking off our annual event to celebrate the autumn season & Halloween.

**7:30-8:30p. Creatures of the Night** –Join the naturalist to see and hear what critters are lurking around at night. With a special LIVE guest, you won't want to miss this!

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> ~ VISITOR CENTER CLOSED

#### **9 a.m. – 2:30p.m. Register your campsite for the Campsite**

**Decorating Contest.** Campsites must be registered to enter the competition. Also register your pumpkin from 9a.m. – 10a.m. **T**

#### **9-11a.m. Family Fun & Crafts- T**



**Pumpkin Carving/ Decorating Contest - Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools.** With paint and other supplies provided, create your special jack-o-lantern ~ Must register to enter the contest. Pumpkin judging will start at 10:30a.m. by penny votes! Penny votes will be taken for the pumpkin decorating contest. Load up the can in front of the pumpkin you think should win with your pennies and other monies! The penny votes will help us buy paint and supplies for Autumn Getaway 2013. Winners announced tonight at 9p.m.

**\* Tie-dyed T-shirts:** Bring pre-washed white 100% cotton T-shirts to decorate. Donations to help with the cost of tie-dye supplies are appreciated!

**Other Activities include:** face painting, scavenger hunt and more!

## **AUTUMN GETAWAY cont...**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> ~ VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

**11a.m. Dutch Oven Demonstration** – Join volunteer and Dutch oven chef, Ivy Shawler as she explains the do's and don'ts of cooking with cast iron. Learn tips for cleaning and preparing you cast iron cookware, how many briquettes to use for cooking various foods & MUCH MORE! Never tried your hand at Dutch oven cooking? Ivy will help you discover all there is to known about getting started! **T**

**Noon- 2p.m. Monster Madness Games** ~ Join in the fun for Mummy Wrap Relay Races, Halloween Concentration, and Pumpkin Pitch games! **T**

**Noon - Dutch Oven Registration** - For rules & information call the Visitor Center 812.685.2447 **T**

**12:30-3p.m. Dutch Oven Cook-Off** - 10<sup>th</sup> annual event. **T**

**1- 3p.m. Chainsaw Carving Demonstration** – Join local artist Brian Wright, as he carves up some delightful decorations for the fall season. **Brian's carvings will be given away as prizes to participants in today's competitions.** Bring your camp chair along to watch the action! **CCS**

**3p.m. Campsite decorating** should be complete. Judges will be making their way around to all of the campsites at this time to select first place winners for three themes: *Scariest, Most Original, and Best Fall Theme.*

**3:30p.m. Taste of Patoka** - Enjoy the Dutch oven dishes of all varieties from desserts to main courses along with "Cast Iron Chili". A \$2 donation per person is requested to sample the creative dishes and cast your ballot for favored Dutch oven creation. **Bring soup bowls, plates and utensils to sample these dishes.** **T**

**5p.m. Pet Parade** - Bring your pets to the Big White Tents in the campgrounds Section A for a fun pet parade. Furry friends of the four-legged variety will be featured. Special Grand Marshall! Pet costume contest after the parade. Pets must be on a leash! Contest winners will be announced at the 9p.m. awards ceremony. **T**

**5:30-7p.m. Trick or Treat** - Campers 12 years of age and under may enjoy "Trick or Treat" around the modern campgrounds. **There will be no vehicle traffic in the campgrounds during this time for the safety of your children!**



**7:30 – 8:30p.m. Trail of Tales** – Join the naturalist for a short hike filled with eerie local tales! **CCS**

**9p.m. Awards Program** – Winners announced for Dutch oven Cook-off Competition, campsite decorating, pumpkin carving contest and pet costume contest. Door prize drawings after winners are announced! **CCS**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11a.m. The Turtle Club**~ Meet our resident box turtle and learn about what it takes to join the Turtle Club! **vc**

**2p.m. Hiking the 'Narries'** ~ Tag along with the naturalist for this short hike. Hear stories of Patoka's past and view photos along the way. The final stop will be at the reconstructed Moery Cabin. **vc**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10a.m. – 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk & Eastern**

**Screech Owl** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a look!

**1p.m. Kirigami Spider Webs** ~ Discover some of the many uses of spider webs by insects, birds, and even humans. Make a kirigami spider web complete with spiders to take home and decorate your house for Halloween! **vc**

**2p.m. Gone Batty**~ Learn about bats as we defy some of the common myths and test your knowledge with our Bat Trivia! Make your own bat I.D. book to take home! **vc**

### **Property Features & Facilities**

Archery Range \* Fishing \* 18-hole Disc Golf Course \* Hiking Trails \* Hunting \* Bike Trail \* Camping \* Beach \* Fitness Trail \* Nature Programs \* Picnicking \* Marinas \* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dam & Visitor Center

**There are 26,000 acres of land and water waiting for you!**

For more information regarding camping & visiting Patoka, access the DNR website [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr)

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Fieldtrips and scouting outings are being planned for fall and winter. You come to us or we will even go to you! Call now for information and reservation details!

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